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Housing for the Homeless

- Involve the general public in legislative and public policy decision making for women's housing programs and services.
- Send letters of recommendation to Mayor and City Council in support of sustainable and permanent housing budgets, policies and projects.

The Commission made [recommendations](#) to the Mayor and City Council about the 2002 Housing Levy.

Public Safety

- Proposal for Women's Community Advisory Committee: SPD.
- Report on progress post SWC report on female fire fighters.

For summary of Recommendations see [Achievement](#) Page.

Community Input

Seattle Women's Summit 2002.

Over 160 men and women registered to participate in the first annual Seattle Women's Summit on October 19, 2002 at Seattle Central Community College. KIRO7's Deborah Horne was the Emcee for the day. The Summit organizers recognized and celebrated the work of former Seattle City Councilmember Jeanette Williams, who advocated for the creation of the Seattle Women's Commission in 1971.

Participants listened to inspiring talks by State Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, State Senator Jeanne Kohl-Wells and Atlantic Street Executive Director Edith Chambers. Valerie Nabors described her road to independence as a student in the FareStart program.

Attendees met in small breakout sessions to discuss the most pressing issues that women face and to compile a report of suggested activities and actions, which will be sent to state, county, and Seattle elected officials. Participants complimented the wide diversity of women who attended the Summit and the break out sessions. There were many good suggestions to make next year's event even better. The event was co-

sponsored by the Seattle Women's Commission, the Seattle Office for Civil Rights, Women's Programs and Multicultural Events at Seattle Central Community College. Women's Summit Report

The complete Summit Report will appear here by January 1, 2003.

To view and download the reports you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader. To [download a free copy](#).

- [Poverty Statistics for the Population of Seattle](#) (Census 2000).
- [Statistics for the residents of the city of Seattle](#) broken down by race related to education, earnings, marital status, age, childbearing, and language.

Legislative/Advocacy

- Track policy and legislation affecting women with special attention to City/Council policy and legislation and budget determinations.
- Track County Council actions and budget cut proposals.
- Work with established lobbying groups on issues at state level.

Activities

The SWC has an active legislative committee that is working with women's lobbying organizations to monitor and respond to issues that affect the safety, welfare and economic security of women in Seattle and Washington State.

The Seattle Women's Commission drafted letters to state legislators in support of the following bills:

HB 2060 re Funding for Housing Needs and Operating Funds for Low-Income Housing.

HB 6421 re Waiver of fees for filing protection orders.

HB 6370 re Requiring fee from diversion orders to fund prostitution prevention programs.

SB 6407 re Trafficking of Persons.

HB 1248 re Unemployment Insurance for Domestic Violence Victims.

SB 6412 re Disclosure of information by International matchmaking organizations.

In concern about the following bills:

SB 5416 **Screening for Drug-Affected infants.**

In thanks for restoration of funding for the ten regional Women's Bureau offices to U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao.

House Bill 1248 **Providing Unemployment Compensation Benefits for Victims of Domestic Violence or Stalking becomes effective June 13, 2002.**

House Bill 2381 **Addressing the Trafficking of Persons becomes effective June 13, 2002.**

Senate Bill 6421 **Regulating Disclosure of Information by International**

Matchmaking Organizations becomes effective September 1, 2002.
Copies of the bills can be found on [the website](#).

Stop Violence Against Women

Partner with local and regional domestic violence network in order to provide support, testimony, education campaigns and police briefings.

Activities

In the fall of 2001 the committee partnered with the Seattle Police Department and the Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Office to launch a cell phone drive for victims of domestic violence. Verizon Wireless donated 200 cell phones to the Seattle Police Department and its Victim Support Team. The Committee collected 250 cell phones, chargers and accessories from city employees and sent them to the Verizon Hopeline Program. Verizon also donated \$5000 to New Beginnings, a local multiservice shelter and program for victims of domestic violence.

In the spring of 2002 the committee will be working with Seattle's Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Office to co-sponsor community forums on domestic violence.

Communications

Revamp SWC website to increase access to timely and pertinent information for women in Seattle.